

VA Compensation & Pension Services

Compensation & Pension Service administers a variety of benefits and services for veterans, their dependents and survivors, including, but not limited to: service-connected compensation, dependency & indemnity compensation and non-service connected pension.

VA Disability Compensation is a benefit paid to a veteran because of injuries or diseases that happened while on active duty, active duty training or were made worse by active military service. This benefit is paid tax-free. You may be eligible if you have a service-related disability and you were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.

VA Pension is a benefit paid to wartime veterans with limited income, and who are permanently and totally disabled or age 65 or older. You may be eligible if

- you were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions
AND
- you served 90 days or more of active duty with at least 1 day during a period of war time **AND**
- you are permanently and totally disabled **OR**
- you are age 65 or older.

You can apply for VA Disability Compensation and Pension by filling out VA Form 21-526, Veterans Application for Compensation or Pension. You can also apply on line at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp>.

VA Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of a

- military service member who died while on active duty **OR**
- veteran whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease **OR**
- veteran whose death resulted from a non service-related injury or disease, and who was receiving, or was entitled to receive, VA Compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling
 - for at least 10 years immediately before death, **OR**
 - since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death **OR**
 - for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

You can apply for DIC by completing VA Form 21-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.